

**Ad Hoc Committee on Police Services
Thursday, April 30, 2015
Council Chambers, Beck Municipal Building**

Minutes

Members Present: Elizabeth Paterson, Toni Moran, Steve Kegler

Staff Present: Matt Hart

Call to Order

Mayor Paterson called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Approval of 4/7/15 Minutes

Mr. Kegler made a motion, seconded by Ms. Moran, to approve the minutes of 4/7/15. The motion passed 3-0-0.

Old Business

1. Discussion of Police Services

Mr. Hart reported that he is still gathering the reports that Mr. Kegler had requested regarding the seasonal and geographic dispersion of calls for service.

Mr. Hart reviewed the status of the Governor's proposal to increase the reimbursement rate for the resident state trooper program. It is unclear what the legislature will ultimately do with the proposal, but it is possible that the reimbursement rate could increase from 70% to something less than 100%. Mr. Hart reviewed a spreadsheet (see attached) showing the reduction in force or expenditures that would be necessary to balance the FY 16 budget if the reimbursement rate is increased. If the rate is increased to 80%, the town could eliminate one trooper to balance the budget. An increase to 90% would require a reduction of two troopers and an increase to 100% would require a reduction of two to three troopers. A reduction in force would affect service levels; consequently, management would look at other options to achieve budget savings.

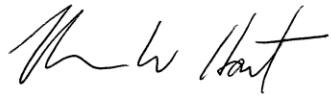
The committee then turned to the subject of a longer-term course of action. Mr. Hart suggested that the committee have a series of conversations with area law enforcement agencies to inform a decision of whether the Town should issue a request for proposals (RFP) for police services. These agencies would include the CT State Police, the UCONN Police Department and the Coventry Police Department. As a fellow resident trooper town, the Town of Tolland may also wish to participate in the conversation. The committee endorsed this concept and asked Mr. Hart to arrange for discussions with these law enforcement agencies.

Mr. Hart will schedule the next meeting of the committee after the conclusion of the budget process.

Adjournment

Mayor Paterson adjourned the meeting at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew W. Hart". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Matthew" being the most prominent part.

Matthew W. Hart
Town Manager